(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Steps taken by the Ministry of Water Resources for rain water harvesting and water conservation include:—

(i) Dissemination of information on rain water harvesting and ground water recharge to all stakeholders.

(ii) Conducting of mass awareness and training programmes on rain water harvesting.

(iii) Institution of National Water Award and Bhoomaijal Samvardhan Puraskar in the Ministry of Water Resources for NGOs/Gram Panchayats/Urban Local Bodies.

Soil subsidence near dams

1615. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Central Government has been drawn to the severe problem being faced in rural areas by soil subsidence caused near irrigation dams;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that representations have been received from different States by Government to conduct a comprehensive study for the cause of soil subsidence;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and dam-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (e) No representation has been received from any State in Central Water Commission to conduct any study for the cause of soil subsidence near irrigation dams. However, an individual from Polavaram, West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh has recently addressed a letter to Union Ministry of Water Resources stating massive soil subsidence since Kovvada dam was built at L.N.D. Peta across Kovvada river in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. Since irrigation is State subject, the matter has been referred to respective State Government Organization.

Implementation of ongoing water management development schemes

1616. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the various Ministries responsible for implementation of the ongoing water management development schemes of the Central Government;

(b) whether division of responsibility to handle 'Water' by various Ministries does not result in mutiplicity and dilution of authority/accountability;

(c) whether the Planning Commission or Standing/Consultative Committees of 'Water Resources' made any recommendation, in above context; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and status of implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Related activities in respect to water resources development and management are undertaken by respective Ministries. The details are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).